

REMARKS

Claims 6-40 and 53-64 have been canceled herein.
Claims 1-5 and 41-52 remain in this application.

In the present Office Action, the Examiner required restriction to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. §121:

- I. Claims 1-5 and 41-52,
- II. Claims 6-10,
- III. Claims 11-12,
- IV. Claims 13-19,
- V. Claims 20-26 and 35-37,
- VI. Claims 27-34 and 38-40, and
- VII. Claims 53-64.

In response, Applicants hereby elect the invention of Group I, corresponding to claims 1-5 and 41-52. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications corresponding to any or all of the non-elected claims.

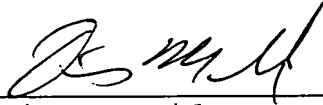
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In the event any fee is due in connection with the present response, the Examiner is authorized to charge Applicants' Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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